

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTERDEPARTMENTAL COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION 500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 140 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Wednesday, March 28, 2012 10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR ENTIRE MEETING. (12-1415)

Attachments: AUDIO

Present: Chairperson Yaroslavsky, Vice Chairperson Fujioka, Member

Baca, Member Banks, Member Brown, Member Browning, Member Clarke, Member Smalley Edmon, Member Fielding, Member Garrett, Member Katz, Member Powers, Member Rogan, Member Smith, Member Southard, Member Spiller and

Member Arnold

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Welcome, Introduction and Opening Remarks by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairperson and William T Fujioka, Vice Chairperson. (12-1291)

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Supervisor Yaroslavsky at 10:05 a.m. Supervisor Yaroslavsky and Vice Chairperson Fujioka gave an overview of the Council's objective to serve the underserved and impact those that are homeless within Los Angeles County.

Council members from various stakeholder Departments and Agencies, introduced themselves and the role they currently hold in ending homelessness throughout Los Angeles County.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky thanked all involved and briefly recapped the Board of Supervisors' plans to end homelessness and tasked the Council to elevate those plans.

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>ATTENDANCE ROSTER</u>

II. REPORTS

2. Report by Elizabeth Boyce, Homeless Coordinator, Chief Executive Office on the Homeless Prevention Initiative and other County Homeless activities to date. (12-1330)

Ms. Boyce presented a PowerPoint report on the Homeless Prevention Initiative and other County homeless activities.

Elena Halpert-Schilt, Community and Senior Services inquired about home loan modifications to prevent foreclosures. Sean Rogan, Executive Director of the Community Development Commission/Housing Authority responded to her questions.

After further discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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3. Report by Dr. Marvin Southard, Director of Department of Mental Health on Mental Health Services Act initiatives. (12-1331)

Dr. Southard reported on the Department's Mental Health Act initiatives and the what the County is doing to develop specialized community-based programs, equipped to serve the complex needs of homeless individuals with mental illness.

Therefore, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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4. Report by Flora Gil Krisiloff, Third District Deputy on the Los Angeles County / Veterans Administration - Project 60. (12-1332)

Ms. Gil Krisiloff presented a PowerPoint report of the Los Angeles County / Veterans Administration - Project 60. This two-year demonstration project will assist 60 vulnerable, chronically homeless veterans in Venice, Santa Monica, Hollywood, and Van Nuys, to move off the streets and into "Permanent Supportive Housing" through a "Housing First" approach. The Project 60 will be expanding to Project 120 to serve an even greater number of severely disabled chronically homeless veterans in the County of Los Angeles.

After further discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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III. DISCUSSIONS

5. Discussion on Departmental Homeless Resources Inventory by Lesley Blacher, Manager, Chief Executive Office. (12-1333)

Prior to her report Ms. Blacher noted a focus of the Council is to better leverage and integrate public and private resources to prevent, and end homelessness throughout Los Angeles County. She added the objective of the Council now is, to expand the lessons learned and continue to build the infrastructure to address homelessness.

Her report identified a starting point for perspective resources for housing, supporting services and benefits according to the populations being served (youth, families, chronically homeless and veterans) and asked for members to provide input on possible service enhancements and service innovations.

During discussion, the following was addressed:

- Employment
- Case Management Matrics System to provide Case Managers the resources and see their role to support housing
- Enhanced integration of funds
- Use integrated teams fully utilize resources
- Centralized data system to enhance services to the homeless population
- Standardized housing and entry point with the homeless
- Streamlined procedures to access benefits

After further discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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6. Discussion by Supervisor Yaroslavsky on how the Council will move forward on addressing homelessness within Los Angeles County. (12-1335)

Chairperson Supervisor Yaroslavsky stated there has to be a focus on the integration piece of the objective to have fewer people on the streets. Vice Chairperson Fujioka stated the Council can develop work groups that can be tasked to create an integrated model to provide a principal point of contact instead having the individual contact several people for similar service.

The Council will reconvene in eight weeks.

After further discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. Items not on the posted agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Board, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Council subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-1337)

At the suggestion of Member Browning, and on Motion of Chairperson Supervisor Yaroslavsky, by Common Consent, members were instructed to speak with their line staff and obtain input on how to more effectively address homelessness throughout Los Angeles County; and provide their results to Ms. Blacher for a final report at the next meeting.

Public Comment

- **8.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Council. (12-1338)
 - Mr. Tod Lipka addressed the Council.

<u>Adjournment</u>

9. Adjournment for the meeting of March 28, 2012. (12-1340)

Chairperson Supervisor Yaroslavsky thanked everyone for their input and being part of the Council. The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.